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SUBJECT: CIVAIR - ROME DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE/ EXTRA-
ORDINARY ASSEMBLY, AUGUST 28, 1973

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1. WE INFORMED DTI (GREEN) AND FCO (COHEN) ON JUNE 14
OF U. S. DEMARCHE RE SCIOLLA LAGRANGE FOR CHAIRMANSHIP OF
DIPLOMATIC CONFERENCE. NEITHER KNEW LAGRANGE AND DEFER-
RED COMMENT UNTIL RETURN OF ARNOLD KEAN WHO WAS THEN OUT
OF TOWN. WHEN KEAN RETURNED JUNE 18, EMBOFF DISCUSSED
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SCIOLLA LAGRANGE CANDIDACY WITH HIM. KEAN SAID HE HAD VAGUE BUT GENERALLY FAVORABLE RECOLLECTION OF LAGRANGE'S ABILITIES FROM HIS WORK ON ITALIAN DELEGATION AT HAGUE CONVENTION CONFERENCE. KEAN SAID HE WOULD DISCUSS POSSIBILITY OF UK SUPPORT WITH OTHERS IN HMG.

2. ON JUNE 21, EMBOFF SPOKE AGAIN WITH GREEN ABOUT LAGRANGE CANDIDACY (KEAN HAD LEFT PREVIOUS DAY FOR SONIC BOOM COMMITTEE MEETING MONTREAL). GREEN CONFIRMED KEAN HAD FAVORABLE IMPRESSION OF LAGRANGE'S QUALIFICATIONS AND THAT LAGRANGE APPEARED TO BE "SUPPORTABLE" BUT THAT UK HAD NOT YET DECIDED WHETHER IT WOULD LEND SUPPORT. (ACCORDING TO GREEN, UK HOLDS VIEW THAT ALTHOUGH CONVENTION/ ASSEMBLY WILL BE HELD IN ROME, ITALY IS NOT TECHNICALLY HOST GOVERNMENT SINCE MEETINGS ARE BEING HELD UNDER UN AUSPICES. BECAUSE OF THIS INTERPRETATION, UK DOES NOT NECESSARILY BELIEVE CHAIRMANSHIP MUST GO TO AN ITALIAN.) GREEN SAID UK STILL CONSIDERING WHETHER IT WOULD BE BETTER TO HAVE ONE CHAIRMAN FOR BOTH ASSEMBLY AND CONVENTION OR SEPARATE CHAIRMAN FOR EACH. HE LATER ACKNOWLEDGED, HOWEVER, THAT SINGLE CHAIRMANSHIP, WHILE IT HAD ADVANTAGES OF CONTINUITY AT MEETINGS, MIGHT PLACE UNDUE BURDEN ON WHOEVER HELD JOB AND THAT BECAUSE OF THIS UK SLIGHTLY FAVORED IDEA OF TWO CHAIRMEN.

3. UK ALSO CONSIDERING DIALLO (SENEGAL) AS POSSIBLE CHAIRMAN AT ROME. GREEN SAID EDWARDS (AUSTRALIA) ALSO ON LIST OF POSSIBLE CANDIDATES BUT CONSIDERABLY FARTHER DOWN THAN DIALLO AND, BECAUSE OF US SUPPORT FOR HIM, SCIOLLA LAGRANGE. ACCORDING TO GREEN, UK MAY NOT DECIDE WHO IT WILL SUPPORT UNTIL SECOND HALF OF JULY WHEN IT KNOWS BETTER WHO WILL BE IN THE RUNNING.

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